



This Month's Program:

Youth Program

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Presidents Message

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is well.
Hard to believe we're nearly
half way through the year!

What started you on your
coin collecting journey? For
me, it started when I was 9
years old. My family was
living in southern Brazil at
the time, in the year 1967.
My brother and I we're out
digging & playing in the dirt
in our yard when all of a
sudden we dug up some old
coins from Uruguay.

Shazam! You would have
thought we hit a gold mine.

To me & my brother it was
like finding buried treasure! I
have no idea what ever
happened to those coins we
found, but it was enough to
get me started on a long coin
collecting love affair. Each of
us has a story perhaps not
too different from this which
moved us down the road to
numismatics. Most of us
probably started quite young
like me. This is a hobby that
one can enjoy for a lifetime.
I know I have!

**The steeper the
mountain, the
harder the climb,
the better the view
from the finishing
line.**

Anonymous

For our meeting this
month, we'll be having our
junior numismatist night. I
urge you to invite a young
person or two to our June
8th meeting. They'll have a
great time sorting through
& filling a penny book that
they can then take home
with them. See you there!

Tom Jensen

June Meeting Details.

Meetings – Second Tuesday of each month (June 8th)

Time - 7:00 P.M.

Location – Columbus Community Center; 2531 South 400 East, SLC

Greetings – Tom Jensen

Mini Exhibit – Pete Madsen

News & Views – Aloma Blaylock

Coin Quiz – Larry Kimura

Refreshments- UNS



UNS Schedule for 2010

June – YN Program

July – UNS Picnic

August –Speaker - TBA

Sept. – Auction

Oct.–Grading Seminar
Speaker – TBA

Nov.–Bourse/Elections

Dec.–Christmas Dinner

Interesting Coin of the Month

1804 Half Dollar



An 1804 half dollar you ask? As far as I know the 1804 half dollar does not exist but there is definitely a story here. Pictured here is an 1805/4 half dollar which is relatively common and usually available. Well then, if this coin exists as an overdated die from the year 1804 where are the 1804 halves? Surely the mint must have made use of an 1804 die as then it was the practice to utilize every resource. It would then be overdated it and made use of again in 1805. They produced 1804 dimes and quarters! But no 1804 halves exist. Years ago there was an apparent 1804 half circulating in the numismatic community which was later found to be an altered 1805/4. I have seen pictures of it and it was an exceptional alternation. This coin, the 1805/4, as far as I know is the only overdate of a date which was never produced. Even more astonishing is that there is not one obverse die which was overdated but two different dies! Interesting, yes, does an actual 1804 exist, maybe, but probably not. It does make an interesting tale to tell and to wonder about. What do you think?

UNS Program for June's Meeting

This month we are conducting our 'Youth Night.' Don't forget to bring your children, have them bring their friends, and I guarantee all will have a great time. We will have over 10,000 wheat cents for every youth (and maybe adults) to search through. Albums for everyone to take home, prizes and a whole lot of fun. Don't miss this meeting!

Prizes & Buy of the Month

This month's buy is:

- TBA

Next Month I challenge someone to come up with something special to fill this space!

Prizes of the Month –

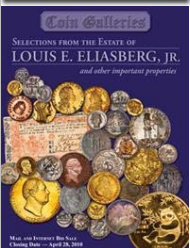
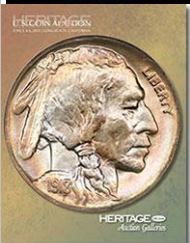
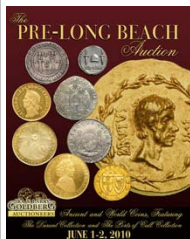
Dos Peso Gold Piece – Grand Prize

Silver bar - small
 1979 Denver souvenir set
 1976 Bicentennial 3 piece set
 Flying Tiger 1991 Marshall Islands
 Kennedy Half Dollars (Misc.)
 1966 Mint Set
 1945-D toned Mercury Dime slab
 1869 2-cent piece
 1955 Proof Washington quarter
 2001 Canada dollar commemorative
 UNS Christmas medal
 1940-D dime slab toned
 California Bicentennial medal
 1976 D Eisenhower Type II dollar
 Silver Utah&Ggull piece

1882 Morgan - Membership Prize

1982- S Washington Proof Half dol. - Promptness Prize

1971 Silver Eisenhower Dollar - Jr. Prize



AUCTION CATALOGUES

- Heritage
- Stacks
- Goldberg
- Lynn Knight
- Bowers & Merena

Book Review

This month instead of reviewing a specific book I would like to make a few observations about 'Auction Catalogues.' There are a number of major coin companies which produce wonderfully illustrated high quality auction catalogues. Some of these actually become reference works themselves and can contain vast amounts of information. Occasionally a collection will come to market in this manner such as a collection of large cents, patterns, or other specialty which can sometimes be the subject of the entire catalogue. The information contained in one of these catalogues

can many times equal or even surpass many books dedicated to the subject. Catalogues are sent to collectors who are frequent bidders or consignors and also by subscription at a cost. Most contain a price tag of \$50 each and they are such high quality that they actually cost about that much to produce. However if you would like a sample virtually all auction companies will send a single copy to you at no charge if requested. A partial list of these companies is shown at left and their contact information can be easily found on the internet. Give them a call.



A 1959 Wheat Cent???
Scheduled for auction in
June by Goldberg. What
do you think about this
coin?

Coin Quiz & Trivia

1. Which Lincoln cent had several examples destroyed by the mint because it was thought to be a counterfeit?
 a. 1974 Aluminum Cent c. 1969-S Double Die
 b. 1944 zinc plated steel cent d. 1959 Wheat back cent
2. Which Lincoln cent was never issued?
 a. 1922-D c. 1910-S
 b. 1932-S d. 1955-D
3. The initials VDB do not appear on which date listed below?
 a. 1917 c. 1914
 b. 1922 d. 1909
4. Which date below has Lincoln appearing on both the obverse and reverse?
 a. 1909-S VDB c. 1943
 b. 1975 d. 1958
5. Which date below was struck in Proof finish?
 a. 1965 c. 1916
 b. 1917 d. 1943

Answers to last month's questions.

1) 195720 2) 5,10,20 3) \$5 4) 1933 \$10 5) 1928

Young Numismatist's Corner

Youth Quiz

How much is 10,000 pennies?

Name 3 different double die Lincoln Cents.

What is the lowest mintage Lincoln?

Why was the Lincoln design changed in 1959?

Who designed the Lincoln Cent?

When was Abraham Lincoln born?

What year did the Lincoln cent change from mostly copper to mostly zinc?



The quiz at left has 7 questions. The first youth to write your answers on a piece of paper and give it to either Tom Jensen or Doug Nyholm after 7PM (When the meeting begins) will win a special prize.

The prize is a complete set of Jefferson nickels including a 1950-D in an album.

Do this one yourselves, no help from your parents please. You're on the honor system.

Counterfeit Corner

1776 CONTINENTAL CURRENCY

Cast Copies
Struck Copies



GENUINE

Pick Up Point

Usually Cast

Frequency Encountered
Common



Identification Difficulty
Easy




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Very High




The Continental Currency has been copied extensively but usually the copies are easy to detect. They were originally struck in pewter, brass, and a couple in silver. Several varieties exist and all should be inspected. The majority of counterfeits are cast and will have a very granular appearance. Occasionally one will be silvered.

Feature Article – The Evolution of Numbers /Doug Nyholm


I have always been interested in early dated coinage, but just what is the earliest Anno Domino date on a coin? How was it written? Are the numbers the same as we use today? There is a book, presently in print which answers some of these questions; "The Early Dated Coins of Europe 1234-1500" and I recently acquired a pamphlet from EBAY entitled "The First Twenty-Eight Anno Domini (The year of our Lord) Dated European Coins" which has a tremendous amount of additional information. It is a reprint of an article which appeared in the "Numismatist" from July 1973. Well, from these titles one can conclude that the earliest dated Anno Domini coin is from the year 1234. This coin is a 'Roskilde' from Denmark. There are 7 known examples, don't expect to be able to purchase one as they are all tightly held in museums. This coin does not have a readable date of 1234 but is instead dated with Roman Numerals. None-the-less, it is dated using the AD date of 1234. (MCCXXXIII) Surprisingly, the next year to appear on a coin with an 'AD' date wouldn't appear for another 138 years! There were two examples with the date, again in Roman Numerals, depicting 1372. The first date to appear with Arabic numbers such as we use today would not occur until **1424**. This is a Plappart from St. Gallen in Switzerland. But, if you were not familiar with the digits in use at that time you may look at the coin and be unable to discern any date at all. This brings me to the main subject of this article, the evolution of numerals. The date




1424 appears as follows:  As you can see, there is a major difference with the 4 used then and the one we now use. During this time Gutenberg had invented his printing press and a problem began with the  character. What would happen was that the upper loop would become clogged with ink and the printed result would be a filled character. Although this didn't affect coinage the

numeral **4** was replaced with the following character -  This proved also to be unacceptable for depicting a date on coinage. The reason for this was that the crudely struck coins at the time were sometimes struck off center or on small planchets. Also the practice of clipping also occurred as on the New England shillings and other early coinage. When any of the above occurred the  would easily turn into an **X**. It is unknown exactly who or when but the next progression was to rotate the  90 degrees. Both right and left rotations were attempted and are known on coins of the period however

the 90 degree clockwise rotation which resulted in  is quite rare whereas the counter-clockwise rotation resulting in  eventually became the standard. So now we have a modern 4 which is also sometimes written as an open numeral as .

The number 4 is not the only number which has evolved through the centuries. The number **2** was also depicted as **Z** but it was quite unusual to see the **Z**. Another interesting transition was the number **7**. It

was often written as  and as you can see the 90 degree rotation also occurred however this time it was a clock-wise rotation. Finally, one other number went through some minor transitions. This was the

number **5**. It can be seen on medieval coinage as  or  and finally as  which is very similar to today's **5**. So as you can see 2457 were not always depicted as we see today, especially on medieval coinage. There will be some images of actual coins using these digits on the back page.

Doug Nyholm



Identify This Coin

Can you identify the coin pictured above? What is it and where does it come from?

Good Luck!

[Last month's coin was a 1820 Northwest Company token. All but 2 or 3 are holed and virtually all have been found in the Columbia River are of Oregon. It is listed in the Red Book.]

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The Back Page – Pictures of early dated coins



The Roman Numeral Dated coin of 1234.



1652 Date. (Note a "Z" Represents a 2)



Coin dated 1494



1497 Date (Note the 4 and the 7)



Coin dated 1506 (Note the number 5)



Another coin dated 1497



Above is a 1475 dated coin but only 75 are shown. Can you find the '75'?